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SUBJECT: ECLA REGIONAL MEETING ON HABITAT MEXICO CITY: REGIONAL  
COOPERATION REPORT.

1. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, SAW THE COMPLETION OF LATIN CAUCUS ACTIVITY, TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENTS AND INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS. THE PLENARY WILL RESUME LATE AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 16 TO CONSIDER LATIN PROPOSAL FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION WHICH FOLLOWS AS PARAGRAPH TWO. ON TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL GROUNDS THE U.S. DEL WILL RESERVE ON ITEM B-1 FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT FULL MEETING OF ECLA.

2. DRAFT PREPARED BY THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP ON REGIONAL COOPERATION ON MATTERS REGARDING HUMAN SETTLEMENTS.

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THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL MEETING ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS:

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BEARING IN MIND THAT THE VANCOUVER AND CARACAS DECLARATIONS

-APPROVED IN HABITAT: THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, AND IN THE REGIONAL PREPARATORY CONFERENCE FOR LATIN AMERICA ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, RESPECTIVELY- ARE INSTRUMENTS THAT SET THE GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA AT THE INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS IN THIS FIELD, AS WELL AS THE CRITERIA APPROVED BY THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION IN MATTERS RELATING TO ENVIRONMENT AS ESTABLISHED IN THE REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING OF THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNEP,

RECOGNIZING THAT IF PRESENT PATTERNS OF DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA CONTINUE WITH THEIR RESULTING CONCENTRATION OF POPULATION IN URBAN AREAS, IN THE NEXT 25 YEARS BETWEEN 10 AND 12 MILLION PEOPLE PER YEAR WILL JOIN THE RANKS OF THEIR CITIES AND TOWNS, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY EQUIVALENT TO THE REGIONS PRESENT POPULATION OF 300 MILLION, AND THAT THE PROPER SOLUTION FOR THIS PROBLEM REQUIRED THE ADOPTION OF URGENT MEASURES ON NATIONAL, SUB-REGIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS,

RECOGNIZING THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF INTEGRATED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD HAVE AS ITS FOCUS MAN AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF HIS LIFE, AND THAT IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENTS TO PREPARE NATIONAL PROGRAMS AND PLANS WHICH INCLUDE POLICIES ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS IN LINE WITH THAT GOAL,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER THAT THOSE POLICIES SHOULD CONSTITUTE THE INDISPENSABLE ELEMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPMENT, LINKED AND COORDINATED INTERALIA, WITH THOSE RELATING TO INDUSTRIALIZATION, AGRICULTURE, EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, POPULATION, EDUCATION, HEALTH, RECREATION, SOCIAL SECURITY, AND THE PROTECTION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURE AND THAT, TO THIS EFFECT, OUR GOVERNMENTS OUGHT TO ESTABLISH INSTITUTIONS AND MECHANISMS IN ORDER TO WORK OUT AND IMPLEMENT THOSE POLICIES.

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CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO CONSOLIDATE THE NEED TO CONSOLIDATE THE RELATIONSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WHICH IS A RESPONSIBILITY SHARED BY ALL STATES, AND THAT THEY SHOULD MAKE ALL THE NECESSARY EFFORTS TO ACCELERATE THE CONDITIONS WHICH PERMIT THEM TO ADOPT POSITIVE AND CONCRETE MEASURES ON NATIONAL, SUB-REGIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS, IN ORDER TO FIND AND PUT INTO EFFECT SOLUTIONS WHICH PROPOSE TO ACHIEVE THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLES.

RECOGNIZING THAT REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL COOPERATION CONSTITUTE A PROPER WAY OF FINDING SOLUTIONS FOR THE PROBLEMS OF OUR COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT AFFECT UNDER-PRIVILEGED SOCIAL GROUPS, AND TENDS TO CREATE A LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY BASED ON A GENUINE COMMITMENT WHICH CULMINATES IN THE APPLICATION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER BASED ON EQUITY, JUSTICE, AND SOLIDARITY, AS IN THE CHARTER OF THE ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE URGENT NEED TO INITIATE ACTIONS COORDINATED ON A REGIONAL LEVEL FOR COOPERATION IN MATTERS REGARDING HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, AND RECOGNIZING THAT THE EFFORTS MADE BY CEPAL IN THIS FIELD AND THAT THE LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM (SELA) CONSTITUTES A FORUM FOR REGIONAL CONSULTATION IN ORDER TO COORDINATE THE EFFORTS MADE WITH REGARD TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION,

BEARING IN MIND THE NEED TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT MECHANISMS FOR COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, WHICH PERMIT THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THEM IN ORDER TO UTILIZE THEIR OWN RESOURCES IN A COMPLEMENTARY MANNER,

ACKNOWLEDGING THE FACT THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO PUT INTO PRACTICE NEW FORMULAS FOR COOPERATION AMONG ALL COUNTRIES OF THE REGION, WHICH PERMIT THEM TO ACHIEVE DEVELOPMENT BASED ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF SAID DEVELOPMENT,

THEY RECOMMEND:

A. TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REGION:

1. THAT THEY DECIDE UPON THE COORDINATION WHICH THEY BELIEVE IS APPROPRIATE, WITH THE GOAL OF INTEGRATING  
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ACTIVITIES RELATED TO REGIONAL COOPERATION IN MATTERS REGARDING HUMAN SETTLEMENTS;

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2. THAT, WITH THIS GOAL IN MIND, THEY SHOULD HAVE AT THEIR DISPOSITION A MECHANISM WHICH THEY CAN USE TO RENEW AND DEFINE THEIR NEEDS AND PRIORITIES IN THIS FIELD,

3. THAT, WITH THE GOAL OF FACILITATING

REGIONAL COOPERATION THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON MATTERS  
REGARDING HUMAN SETTLEMENTS BE PREPARED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

A) AN INVENTORY OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL  
AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL IN THIS FIELD,  
B) LOCAL EXPERIENCES,  
C) LOCAL METHODOLOGIES AND TECHNIQUES  
WHICH HAVE BEEN APPLIED.

4. THAT, IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL  
EFFORTS MADE IN THIS FIELD, TOP PRIORITY BE GIVEN TO  
IMPLEMENTING THE GUIDELINES FOR ACTION CONTAINED IN CHAPTER  
III O THE VANCOUVER DECLARATION,

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B. TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF CEPAL, IN  
CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENTS:

1. THAT THE NECESSARY CONDITIONS BE CREATED  
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS INTEGRATED BY THE COUNTRIES  
OF THE RETION.

2. THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF CEPAL,

IN COORDINATION WITH REGIONAL BODIES INTERESTED IN THIS FIELD, PREPARE A REPORT SPECIFYING THE INSTITUTIONAL WAYS AND MEANS THAT WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE TOWARDS THE CHIEVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AT A REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL LEVEL, AS WELL AS A PROGRAM BASED ON THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS.

A) TO FACILITATE NATIONAL ACTIVITIES  
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE AGREEMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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MADE BY THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS HELD AT VANCOUVER, AND THE BASIC PRINCIPLES APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENTS IN MATTERS REGARDING NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

B) TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT MECHANISMS  
FOR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION,

C) TO ENCOURAGE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE  
COUNTRIES OF THE REGION IN ORDER TO UTILIZE THEIR OWN  
HUMAN, TECHNOLOGICAL AND METHODOLOGICAL RESOURCES, IN A  
COMPLEMENTARY MANNER,

D) TO DEFINE REGIONAL AND SUB- REGIONAL  
PROGRAMS OF INTEREST TO ALL, AS WELL AS EXPERIMENTAL PILOT  
PROJECTS FOR URBAN AND RURAL AREAS, WHICH WILL TAKE INTO  
ACCOUNT ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL NEEDS OF THE  
POPULATIONS THAT ARE TO BENEFIT FROM THEM, MOBILIZING FOR  
THIS PURPOSE THE RESOURCES WHICH COME FROM FINANCIAL  
ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE REGION,

E) TO KEEP IN VIEW, AMONG OTHERS, THE  
FOLLOWING ASPECTS:

- RURAL HABITAT
- URBAN MARGINALITY
- LAND USE AND TENURE
- LEGISLATION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
- AREAS OF HIGH POPULATION DENSITY
- INTERMEDIATE CITIES
- PARTICIPATION OF THE PEOPLE
- TECHNOLOGY APPROPRIATE TO THE SOCIO-CULTURAL REQUIREMENTS
- TECHNOLOGY FOR CONSERVATION AND RECYCLING
- PRESERVATION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
- NATURAL DISASTERS

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F) TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING BASIC FUNCTIONS:

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- TRAINING OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
- FINANCIAL AID  
- INFORMATIO SERVICES

3. THAT THE ABOVE REPORT SHOULD BE PRESENTED  
TO THE COMMITTEE OF HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT EXPERTS OF CEPAL  
AT THEIR NEXT MEETING, FOR THE COMMITTEE TO SUBMIT RECOM-  
MENDATIONS T THE XVII SESSION OF CEPAL TO BE HELD IN  
GUATEMALA.

4. THAT IT EXPLORE WITH COUNTRIES AND WITH  
AGENCIES FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WITHIN THE SYSTEM OF  
THE UNITED NATIONS, AND WITH OTHERS WHEREVER ADVISABLE, THE  
EVENTUAL POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING FUNDS TO SUPPORT  
ACTIVITIES IN TECHNICAL COOPERATION.

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